GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:214
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2007
REMOVAL OF VENDORS FROM RAILWAY STATIONS
Gangwar Shri Santosh Kumar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are considering to do away with vendor system at various railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the system being introduced in place of existing vendor system;

(d) whether the railways propose to provide jobs to the existing vendors; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 214 BY SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.11.2007 REGARDING REMOVAL OF VENDORS FROM RAILWAY STATIONS

(a) to (e) : Tea/coffee, breakfast, standard meals etc. at the departmental catering units of Railways and IRCTC are prepared and sold through staff and commission vendors/bearers. The vendors/bearers work on commission basis. The departmental catering units in Indian Railways have been frozen since 1992. As per policy regarding departmental catering units, whenever vacancies are arising due to retirement of departmental staff and on account of absorption of commission vendors/bearers in railways, these units are consolidated and privatized. As per orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court the commission vendors/bearers are being absorbed in the railways as and when vacancies arise. About 813 commission vendors/bearers (as on 1.10.2007) are yet to be absorbed over Indian Railways.